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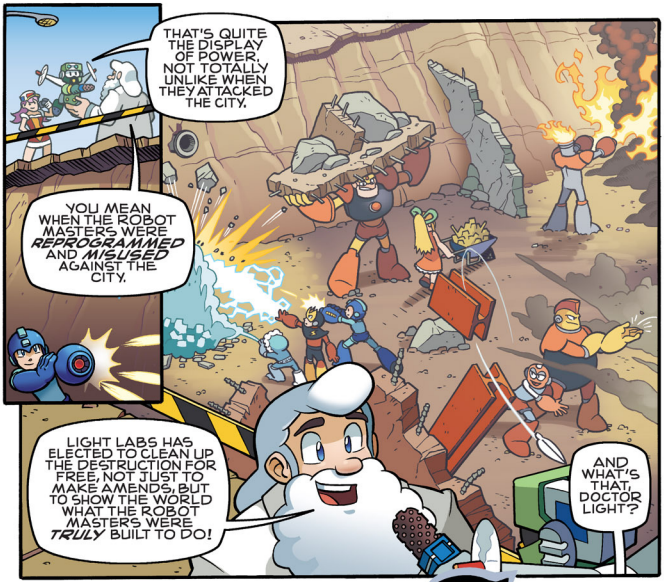
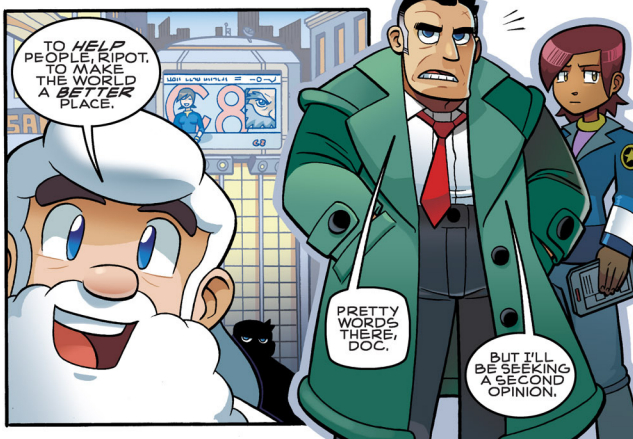
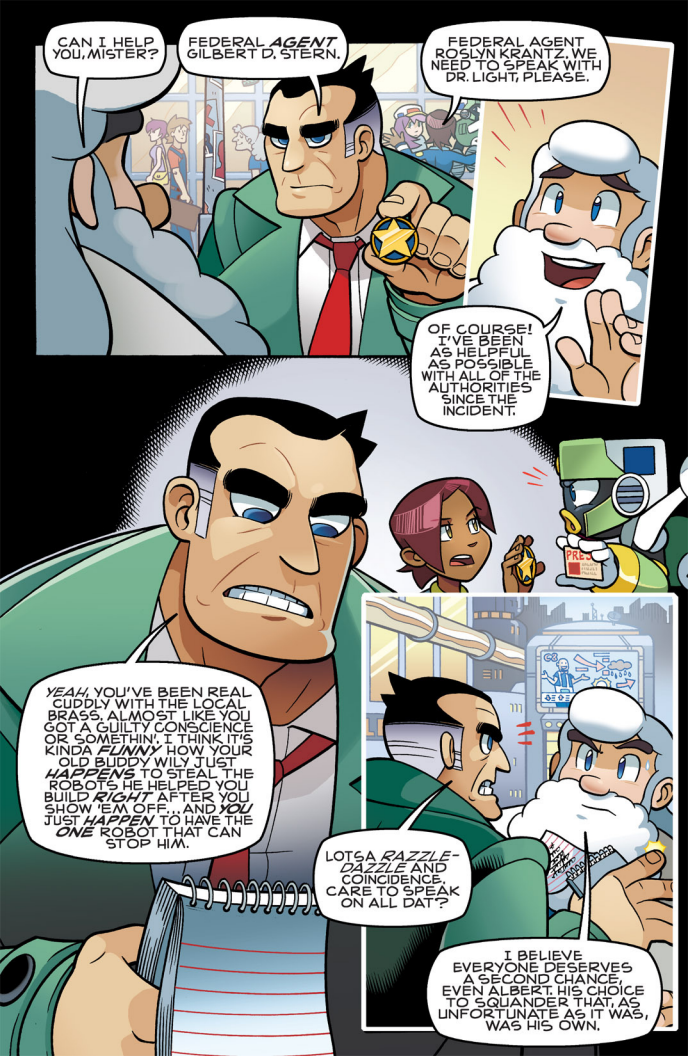
POW!
BLAM!
YEAH! THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT! NICE AND FLASHY!
WHEW! THANKS, BOMB MAN!
THAT WAS NOTHING! THAT WAS A BABY ROBOT'S WARM-UP!
HERE'S THE REAL WORKOUT, BABIES!

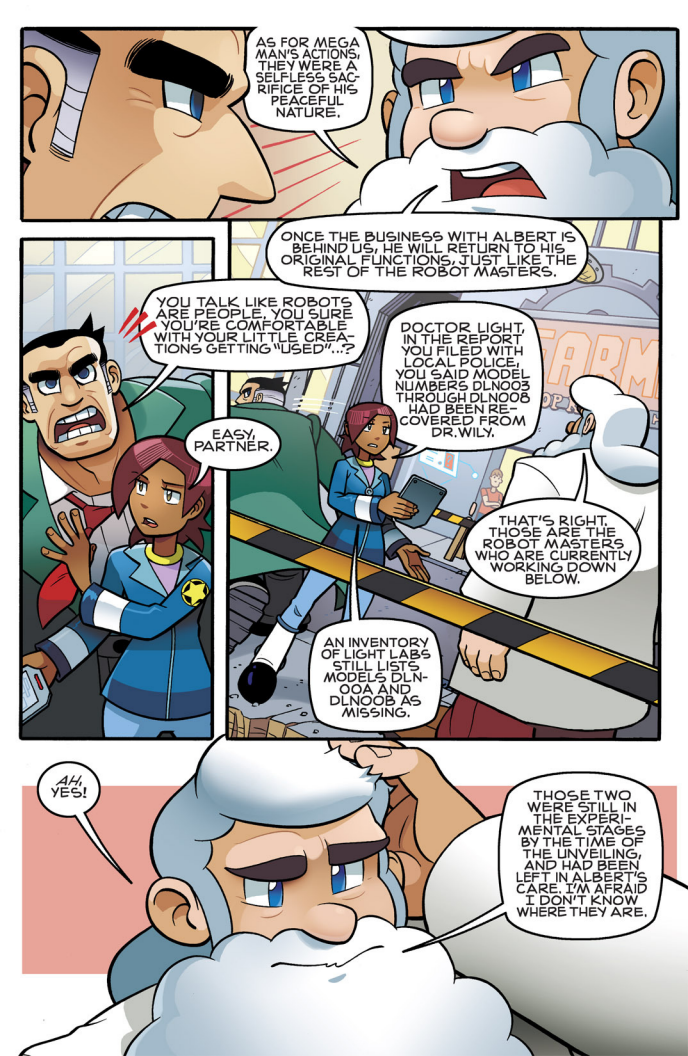
WHOA, GUTS MAN, WHOA!
GIVE ME YOUR HAND!
ON THREE! ONE! TWO!
THREE!
KA BOOM!

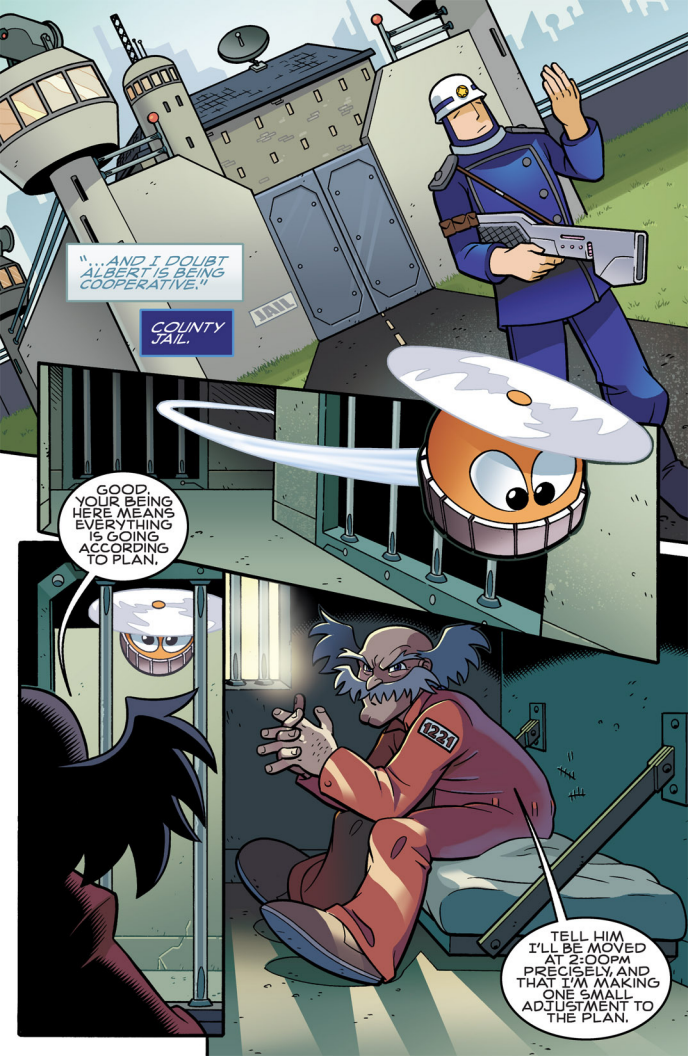
AWESOME! ENCORE!
THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' 'BOUT!
NICELY DONE!
ARE YOU BOYS DONE PLAYING AROUND? OR DO I GET TO DO EVERYTHING MYSELF?
AW, COME ON, ROLL! DR. WILY IS STOPPED!* WE CAN HAVE SOME PLAY TIME!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CLEANING THINGS UP, NOT MAKING A BIGGER MESS!
...WE WERE ...MAKING THE RUBBLE A MORE MANAGEABLE SIZE...?
UH-HUH.
*LAST ISSUE!


THAT'S QUITE THE DISPLAY OF POWER. NOT TOTALLY UNLIKE WHEN THEY ATTACKED THE CITY.
YOU MEAN WHEN THE ROBOT MASTERS WERE *REPROGRAMMED* AND *MISUSED* AGAINST THE CITY.
LIGHT LABS HAS ELECTED TO CLEAN UP THE DESTRUCTION FOR FREE, NOT JUST TO MAKE AMENDS, BUT TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT THE ROBOT MASTERS WERE *TRULY* BUILT TO DO!
AND WHAT'S THAT, DOCTOR LIGHT?


TO *HELP* PEOPLE, RIPOT. TO MAKE THE WORLD A *BETTER* PLACE.
PRETTY WORDS THERE, DOC.
BUT I'LL BE SEEKING A SECOND OPINION.


CAN I HELP YOU, MISTER?
FEDERAL AGENT GILBERT D. STERN.
FEDERAL AGENT ROSLYN KRANTZ. WE NEED TO SPEAK WITH DR. LIGHT, PLEASE.
OF COURSE! I'VE BEEN AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITH ALL OF THE AUTHORITIES SINCE THE INCIDENT.
YEAH, YOU'VE BEEN REAL CUDDLY WITH THE LOCAL BRASS. ALMOST LIKE YOU GOT A GUILTY CONSCIENCE OR SOMETHIN'. I THINK IT'S KINDA FUNNY HOW YOUR OLD BUDDY WILY JUST HAPPENS TO STEAL THE ROBOTS HE HELPED YOU BUILD RIGHT AFTER YOU SHOW 'EM OFF. AND YOU JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE THE ONE ROBOT THAT CAN STOP HIM.
LOTSA RAZZLE-DAZZLE AND COINCIDENCE. CARE TO SPEAK ON ALL DAT?
I BELIEVE EVERYONE DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE. EVEN ALBERT. HIS CHOICE TO SQUANDER THAT, AS UNFORTUNATE AS IT WAS, WAS HIS OWN.


AS FOR MEGA MAN'S ACTIONS, THEY WERE A SELFLESS SACRIFICE OF HIS PEACEFUL NATURE.
ONCE THE BUSINESS WITH ALBERT IS BEHIND US, HE WILL RETURN TO HIS ORIGINAL FUNCTIONS, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE ROBOT MASTERS.
YOU TALK LIKE ROBOTS ARE PEOPLE. YOU SURE YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH YOUR LITTLE CREATIONS GETTING "USED"...?
EASY, PARTNER.
DOCTOR LIGHT, IN THE REPORT YOU FILED WITH LOCAL POLICE, YOU SAID MODEL NUMBERS DLN003 THROUGH DLN008 HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM DR. WILY.
THAT'S RIGHT. THOSE ARE THE ROBOT MASTERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING DOWN BELOW.
AN INVENTORY OF LIGHT LABS STILL LISTS MODELS DLN-00A AND DLN00B AS MISSING.
AH, YES!
THOSE TWO WERE STILL IN THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGES BY THE TIME OF THE UNVEILING, AND HAD BEEN LEFT IN ALBERT'S CARE. I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.


"...AND I DOUBT ALBERT IS BEING COOPERATIVE."
COUNTY JAIL.
JAIL
GOOD. YOUR BEING HERE MEANS EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
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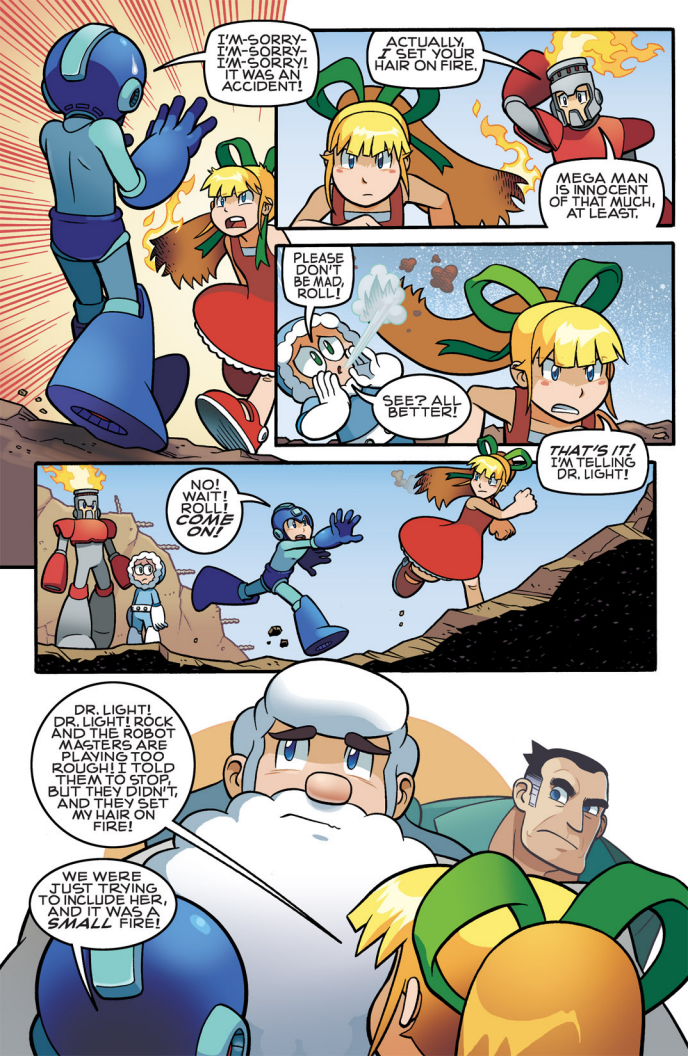
TELL HIM I'LL BE MOVED AT 2:00PM PRECISELY, AND THAT I'M MAKING ONE SMALL ADJUSTMENT TO THE PLAN.

"WE'LL NEED A DIVERSION!"
I'M HOPING I CAN APPEAL TO HIM ONE LAST TIME WHEN MEGA MAN AND I JOIN THE ESCORT CONVOY. SADLY, I DOUBT HE'LL LISTEN TO ME.
YOU'RE A BETTER FRIEND THAN THAT CREEP DESERVES, DOCTOR.
YEAH, YEAH, I WEEP FOR YA, BUT IF YOU TWO WERE IN CAHOOTS, YOU CAN HAVE A PERMANENT SLEEP-OVER IN FEDERAL PRISON.
I ASSURE YOU, AGENT STERN, I AM A MAN OF PEACE AND A CREATOR OF TRANQUILITY.
FWOOSH!
AAAAA AAAAAH!
KABOOM!
ROCK LIGHT! I'LL TEAR YOU DOWN TO YOUR SERVOS!


I'M-SORRY-I'M-SORRY-I'M-SORRY! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
ACTUALLY, I SET YOUR HAIR ON FIRE.
MEGA MAN IS INNOCENT OF THAT MUCH, AT LEAST.
PLEASE DON'T BE MAD, ROLL!
SEE? ALL BETTER!
THAT'S IT! I'M TELLING DR. LIGHT!
NO! WAIT! ROLL! COME ON!
DR. LIGHT! DR. LIGHT! ROCK AND THE ROBOT MASTERS ARE PLAYING TOO ROUGH! I TOLD THEM TO STOP, BUT THEY DIDN'T, AND THEY SET MY HAIR ON FIRE!
WE WERE JUST TRYING TO INCLUDE HER, AND IT WAS A SMALL FIRE!

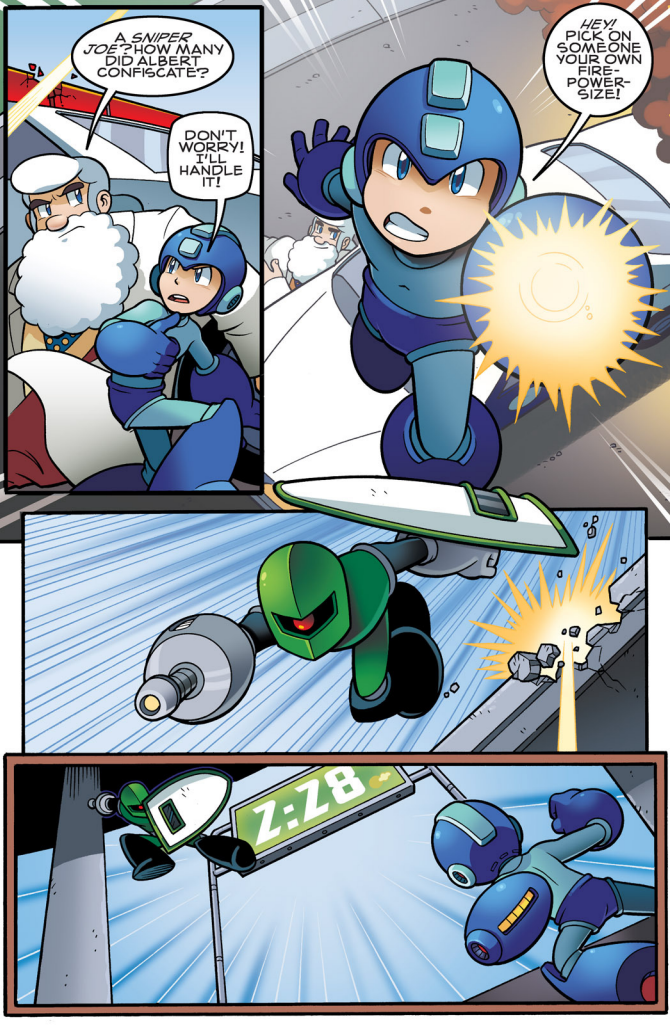
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO HEAD FOR THE PRISON, ANYWAY.
I DON'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE WITH *HIM!*
I'M SORRY!
THAT'S FINE. HOW ABOUT YOU PICK UP THE GROCERIES FOR TONIGHT AND THEN RELAX BACK AT THE LAB?
OKAY!
I'M *REALLY* SORRY ...!
I KNOW. IT'S TIME WE JOINED THE POLICE ESCORT.
REMEMBER. I'VE GOT MY EYES ON YOU TWO.

AND SO...
SO AFTER WE HELP MOVE DR. WILY FROM THIS PRISON TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY, I CAN GO BACK TO BEING ROCK?
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH AS MEGA MAN.
SO...WHY ARE WE TAKING DR. WILY TO THE NEW PRISON? WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO HIM?
LIKE THE PARAMETERS OF YOUR CODING, HUMANS HAVE RULES TO HELP MAKE THEIR SOCIETY FUNCTION. WHEN YOU BREAK THE BIG RULES, YOU ARE PUT IN PRISON. IN ALBERT'S CASE, HE'LL BE HELD THERE FOR A LONG TIME.
OH! SO IT'S A PLACE FOR LOCALIZED ERRORS!
WELL, ...SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YES.
DO THE PEOPLE IN PRISON GET REPROGRAMMED SO THEY'RE SAFE AGAIN?
SOME CAN BE REHABILITATED, BUT YOU CAN'T SIMPLY REPROGRAM PEOPLE.
OH, THAT'S TOO BAD.

QUITE THE OPPOSITE. OUR FREE WILL ALLOWS US TO DREAM, TO INNOVATE, AND TO ASPIRE TO CREATE THINGS GREATER THAN OUR INDIVIDUAL SELVES. IT'S A FREEDOM UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD.
I...AND THE ROBOT MASTERS... CAN MAKE CHOICES. DOES THAT MEAN WE HAVE FREE WILL LIKE HUMANS?
I'M AFRAID NOT, MY BOY.
OH...
YOU'RE ALL AUTONOMOUS AND CAPABLE OF A WIDE RANGE OF HUMAN-LIKE EMOTIONS AND DECISION-MAKING ABILITIES, BUT YOU'RE ALL STILL RULED BY YOUR CODING.
ONE DAY, THOUGH, I HOPE TO CAPTURE THAT X-FACTOR AND BUILD A ROBOT WITH A TRUE FREE WILL OF ITS OWN...

HERE WE ARE.
...WILL BE TAKING YOU INTO FEDERAL CUSTODY. YOU WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO A FEDERAL PENAL FACILITY WHERE YOU WILL AWAIT TRIAL FOR YOUR CRIMES. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
FINE. WHATEVER.
AH! THOMAS! AND YOUR LITTLE HELPER ROBOT. THEY'RE REALLY PUTTING ON QUITE THE SHOW TODAY!
MAKE THIS EASY ON YOURSELF, ALBERT. PLEASE COOPERATE WITH THE AUTHORITIES.
THE ONLY AUTHORITY I CARE ABOUT IS *MY OWN*!
AND I'LL DEMONSTRATE HOW TO PUT ON A *REAL* SHOW...

LATER, EN ROUTE...
POW! POW! POW!
POW! POW!
EEEERRRRT!
BLAM!
BLAM! BLAM!
BLAM!


A SNIPER JOE? HOW MANY DID ALBERT CONFISCATE?
DON'T WORRY! I'LL HANDLE IT!
HEY! PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN FIRE-POWER-SIZE!
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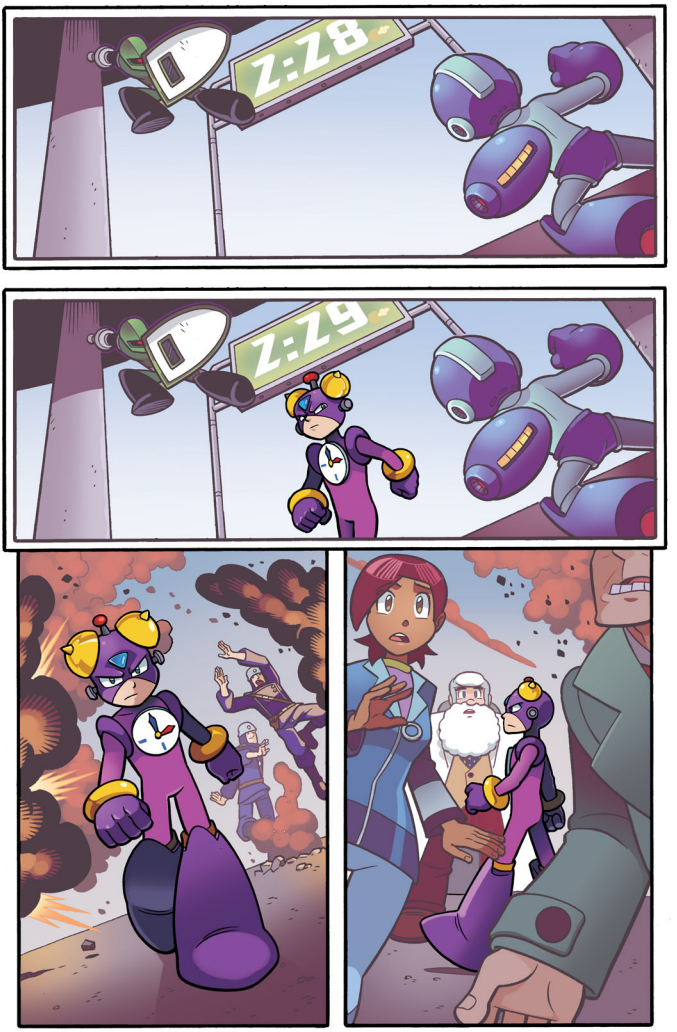
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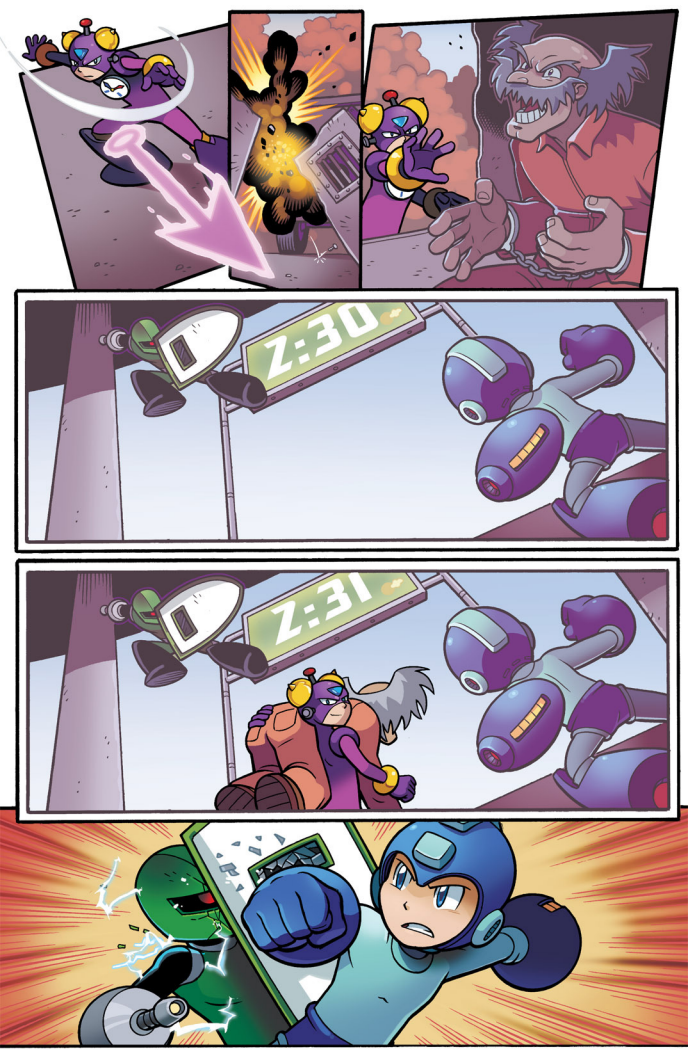
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I'M SORRY.
BLAM!
NICE WORK! I GET WHY THEY CALL YOU "MEGA MAN."
THANK YOU, AGENT KRANTZ. I JUST WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO--
HE'S GONE!

DOCTOR WILY'S ESCAPED!
DID HE PASS BY YOU?
NO! I DIDN'T SEE ANY-THING!
I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING, EITHER!
ME, EITHER. BUT THEN AGAIN, I WASN'T LOOKING AT THE VAN...
HEH, HEH, HEH! I GET IT! WELL-PLAYED, DOC!
GIL?
THE AMBUSH? THEM BEING WITH THE CONVOY? THE BIG, FLASHY FIGHT? IT WAS ALL PART OF THEIR PLAN. IT WAS ALL A DISTRACTION!
THEY *HELPED* DR. WILY ESCAPE!

MEANWHILE, AT LIGHT LABS...
...AND THEY CAN *HAVE* THEIR STUPID, DIRTY PIT. I'D RATHER STAY IN THE LAB, *ANYWAY.*
THAT'S WHERE *REAL* SCIENCE AND ROBOTICS GET DONE! AND WHEN ROCK GETS HOME, I'LL GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY--
SQUEAK
WHA... OIL? DID I RUPTURE A JOINT?
SORRY ABOUT THAT, CUTIE. IT'S KINDA MY CALLING CARD.
D-DO I KNOW Y-YOU?

AW, BIG DADDY LIGHT NEVER SHOWED YOU MY FILE? NO MATTER, SWEET THING.
YOU CAN JUST COME ALONG QUIETLY, OR I CAN TAKE YOU TO DR. WILY IN PIECES.
DOCTOR WILY IS ON THE LOOSE!
MEGA MAN HAS BEEN FRAMED! TWO NEW ROBOT MASTERS ARE OUT CAUSING TROUBLE!
THE ADVENTURE GETS MORE HEATED NEXT TIME!

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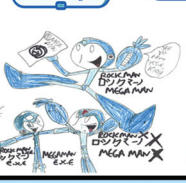

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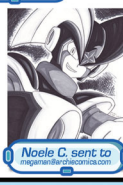

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